Completion of mega projects before SCO summit ordered

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chairman Mohammad Ali Randhawa has directed the completion all mega projects before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit and international conferences in Islamabad.

He was chairing a meeting, which was also attended by Member Administration Talat Mahmood, Member Finance Tahir Naeem, Member Engineering Syed Nafasat Raza, Member Planning and Design Dr Khalid Hafiz, Member Environment Esfandyar Baloch along with other relevant officers.

According to a statement, a briefing was given during the meeting on the mega development projects to be launched for better arrangements regarding the upcoming SCO summit.

The meeting was told that the preparation of the request for proposal (RFP) for various projects was in its final stages.

For the first phase of these projects, the services of internationally and nationally renowned consultants will be acquired. Work was ongoing on the preparation of PC-1 and PC-2 as well as the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of these projects.

Mr Randhawa said mega projects were being launched to make Islamabad a world-class modern city. He said the completion of the projects must be ensured before the holding of the SCO summit.

He also directed that a completely open and transparent competitive process must be ensured in all project procedures.

There should be no compromise on the standards of quality in the completion of the projects.

He directed that the processes for PC-1 and tendering for all mega projects be further expedited so that their formal commencement can be possible next year.

The chairman said the completion of the projects will make Islamabad a hub for international and national events, tourism and diplomatic activities.

Nanbais' strike enters fourth day in Rawalpindi

Tandoors remain closed as association vows to continue protest until demands are met

By Aamir Yasin

RAWALPINDI: The strike by nanbais (bakers) in the garrison city entered its fourth consecutive day on Saturday, creating difficulties for residents in obtaining roti from tandoors.

Most tandoors remained closed, though a few opened in some areas.

However, the All Pakistan Nanbai Association said the strike would continue until their demands were met.

Shafiq Qureshi, President of the All Pakistan Nanbai Association, told Dawn that it was not possible for bakers to sell roti at Rs14 when a sack of wheat flour now costs Rs11,000.

"When this government took over, the same bag was priced at Rs5,500. Similarly, fine flour (maida) that once cost Rs6,200 per sack now sells for Rs12,000," he said.

He alleged that the Punjab Enforcement Regulatory Authority (Pera) misbehaved with bakers and imposed "unfair" fines ranging from Rs50,000 to Rs100,000. "Sometimes a baker does not have two rupees in change and charges Rs30 for two rotis, but Pera imposes a fine of Rs50,000," he added.

The district administration's invitation for immediate negotiations was rejected by the Nanbai Association, which claimed that such talks were being used as a pretext for arrests. The association stated that during the previous strike, they were also called for talks and then detained.

On the other hand, Additional Deputy Commissioner General Dr Hassaan Tariq said there were two groups of nanbais in Rawalpindi. He said one group was on strike while the other had opened their tandoors.

"We will ensure all tandoors reopen," he said, adding that the nanbais' demands were neither logical nor reasonable and that the district administration would enforce the official roti price of Rs14 at all costs.

"Pera is responsible for enforcing the official rate of roti fixed by the Punjab government and if anyone sells roti or other edibles above the fixed price, strict action will be taken," he said.

He added that the wheat supply for tandoors had improved, with fair price shops set up across the district, and that dealers were receiving flour directly from mills at official rates. "Their stance on wheat flour prices is not justified," he said.

Regarding the gas issue, Dr Tariq said gas pressure was being maintained by Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited as per the schedule issued by the federal government, so this demand was also unreasonable.

Due to the strike, residents faced severe difficulties in purchasing roti and naan.

Ishtiaq Ahmed, a resident of Murree Road, said, "The government should resolve this issue immediately through talks so that the burden does not fall on the public." Another resident, Haider Ali, said, "Tandoor owners sell naan for Rs30 and paratha for Rs50, and after earning so much profit, they still refuse to sell roti at the official price. The government should also fix the price of naan, as most people in urban areas prefer it."

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Speakers' moot a milestone in Pakistan's parliamentary diplomacy: Gilani

Says 174 international delegates to attend conference starting on Nov 11 in capital

By Bakhtawar Mian

ISLAMABAD: Senate Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani on Saturday highlighted the significance of the forthcoming speakers' conference, saying it would mark an unprecedented milestone in the country's pursuit of international dialogue, peace and cooperation through parliamentary diplomacy.

Speaking on the floor of the House, he termed the event a "momentous occasion in Pakistan's parliamentary history."

Mr Gilani, being the founding chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Speakers' Conference (ISC), said the conference on "Peace, security, and development", scheduled to be held in Islamabad on November 11-12 will bring together ten speakers of parliaments, fifteen deputy speakers, thirty-seven members of parliaments and representatives from various multilateral organisations, totaling 174 international delegates.

He said two former presidents will also represent their countries at the event - an extraordinary testament to Pakistan's growing diplomatic stature and leadership role in global parliamentary engagement.

"Hosting such a distinguished assembly is not merely an achievement for the Senate; it is a significant national cause that elevates our standing on the global stage," he stated.

Emphasising the broader national value of the conference, he said that the ISC is not confined to the Senate alone, but is a collective national endeavour that embodies Pakistan's vision for peace, security, and inclusive development.

He called upon all senators to actively participate as hosts and ambassadors of Pakistan's values and aspirations, rather than as mere attendees.

"As we welcome our esteemed guests from both the Global South and the Global North, we are not just participants in a conference; we are representatives of our nation's resolve to foster dialogue, understanding, and cooperation across borders," he remarked.

Mr Gilani extended his gratitude to President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif, Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator Ishaq Dar for their support in the preparation and organisation of the conference.

The chairman urged every member of the House to play a constructive role in making the conference a resounding success.

"This initiative belongs to all of us. It is not solely the responsibility of the Senate Secretariat, but a collective endeavour that calls for the participation and ownership of every parliamentarian," he said.

He reaffirmed his confidence that the conference would serve as a beacon of hope and collaboration, leaving a lasting impact on the region and the world by highlighting Pakistan's leadership in promoting parliamentary diplomacy.

"Together, we can make this event a defining moment in strengthening Pakistan's role as a champion of peace, dialogue and development," the chairman said.

Saaf Pani Authority to rehabilitate nonfunctional filtration plants

By Our Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: The Water and Sanitation Agency (Wasa) has handed over 47 closed filtration plants in the garrison city to Saaf Pani Authority for their rehabilitation.

There are 176 filtration plants in the garrison city and the plants closed due to unavailability of any source of water and the people had to face problem to get clean water from other areas.

Besides rehabilitating them, the Saaf Pani Authority will run them as the Punjab government had asked the authority to take over all the filtration plants in the province and the government will provide funds to run them.

A senior official of Wasa told *Dawn* that in the first phase, the agency was handed over dry filtration plants and in the second phase, remaining 129 filtration plants will be handed over to Saaf Pani Authority.

He said the rehabilitation work of the abandoned filtration plants will be started as soon as the government provided funds to the authority.

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2	Provision of Security Services	09.11.2025	25.11.2025	25.11.2025 (11:00 AM)	25.11.2025 (12:00 P.M)
3	Provision of Transportation Services	09.11.2025	25.11.2025	25.11.2025 (12:00 PM)	25.11.2025 (01:00 P.M)

3. Interested eligible bidders may either download the detailed Bidding documents for the Procurement of Canteen/ Cafeteria Services, Procurement of Security Services, Procurement of Transportation Services from website of HITMS (www.hitms.edu.pk) or PPRA / EPADS from (https://eprocure.gov.pk/#/) from the date of Publication of this NIT and submit payment of Rs.5000/- for each individual tender document through Pay Order/ demand draft as Tender Fees non-refundable in favour of Hyderabad Institute for Technology and Management Sciences (HITMS).

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7. The bid is must be signed and stamped by authorized person of firm along with authorization letter.

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